

Hokkaido Railway Travel

北海道レールパス

HOKKAIDO RAIL PASS

Enjoy unlimited rides on JR Hokkaido trains (except Hokkaido Shinkansen) within validity period!

Please purchase an Exchange Order for the Hokkaido Rail Pass at a designated travel agent in your country, or purchase the Hokkaido Rail Pass at the designated station in Japan. The pass is available only for visitors from abroad who enter Japan with a non-Japanese passport under the entry status of "Temporary Visitor". At the time of exchange or purchase at a designated station in Japan, you will be asked to present your passport with the "Temporary Visitor" stamp/sticker you received.

Types	3-Day	5-Day	7-Day	★ Flexible 4-Day
Adults	¥17,400	¥23,480	¥25,710	¥23,480
Children (Age 6-11)	¥8,700	¥11,740	¥12,850	¥11,740

★ For flexible 4-day pass, starting date of the validity period cannot be selected. The purchase or exchange date will be the first day of the validity period. Please select any 4 days in the 10-day period. (Example: For a pass purchased or exchanged on December 1, any 4 days may be selected between December 1 and December 10.)

*Hokkaido Rail Pass cannot be used for Hokkaido Shinkansen, the South Hokkaido Railway, streetcar and subway.

As Hokkaido is a big island, it takes time to move around. The distance between Sapporo and Kushiro (348.5km) is almost the same as the distance between Tokyo and Nagoya (366km). The longer you take JR trains, the more it will cost. Therefore, the rail pass is recommended.

Sapporo —(136.8km)— Asahikawa

Required time: approx. 1 hr. 25 min.

Sapporo —(348.5km)— Kushiro

Required time: approx. 4 hr. 10 min.

Tokyo —(146.8km)— Karuizawa
Hokuriku ShinkansenTokyo —(366km)— Nagoya
Tokaido Shinkansen

Sapporo —(318.7km)— Hakodate

Required time: approx. 3 hr. 40 min.

Sapporo —(396.2km)— Wakkanai

Required time: approx. 5 hr. 10 min.

Tokyo —(333.9km)— Niigata
Joetsu ShinkansenTokyo —(391.9km)— Toyama
Hokuriku Shinkansen

Let's compare the size of Hokkaido
and your country!



A very good deal!

For example

When you travel by train, it costs 2,300 yen between New Chitose Airport and Sapporo for round trip, and 16,220 yen between Sapporo and Hakodate (Reserved seat on limited express train) for round trip. The total amount is 18,520 yen. Hokkaido Rail Pass 3-Day is 17,400 yen. Buying the pass is cheaper.

Get a Hokkaido Rail Pass and enjoy unlimited train rides in Hokkaido within validity period!

● The pass can be used for local, rapid, limited express and sightseeing trains etc.

*except Hokkaido Shinkansen

● Reserved seats are also available for use.

*Although there is no additional charge, a reserved seat ticket will be required for using a reserved seat.

Recommended route A Applicable season: Spring Summer Fall Winter

Northern Hokkaido and the Mysterious Islands

Sapporo/Asahikawa/Furano/Biei/Rishiri/Rebun 6 Days

Day 1	New Chitose Airport Sta.	Rapid Airport train Approx. 37 min.	Sapporo Sta.	Lodging	Sapporo
HOKKAIDO RAIL PASS ①	Sapporo Sta.	Ltd. Exp. Kamui / Ltd. Exp. Lilac Approx. 1 hr. 25 min.	Asahikawa Sta.	Furano-Biei Norokko Train Approx. 1 hr. 15 min.	
Day 2	Lavender-Farm Sta.	Farm Tomita	Lavender-Farm Sta.		
		Furano-Biei Norokko Train Approx. 40 min.	Biei Sta.	Sightseeing in Biei	
	Biei Sta.	Local Train Approx. 35 min.	Asahikawa Sta.	Lodging	Asahikawa
HOKKAIDO RAIL PASS ②	Asahikawa Sta.	Ltd. Exp. Soya / Ltd. Exp. Sorobetsu Approx. 3 hr. 40 min.	Wakkanai Sta.	Wakkanai Port	
Day 3	Rebun Island	Ferry Approx. 2 hr.	Sightseeing in Rebun Island	Lodging	Rebun Island
Day 4	Rebun Island	Ferry Approx. 40 min.	Rishiri Island	Sightseeing in Rishiri Island	Lodging
HOKKAIDO RAIL PASS ③	Rishiri Island	Ferry Approx. 1 hr. 50 min.	Wakkanai Port	Exploring Wakkanai	
Day 5	Wakkanai Sta.	Ltd. Exp. Soya Approx. 5 hr. 10 min.	Sapporo Sta.	Lodging	Sapporo
HOKKAIDO RAIL PASS ④	Sightseeing in Sapporo	Rapid Airport train Approx. 37 min.	New Chitose Airport Sta.		

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Southern Hokkaido Golden Route

Noboribetsu/Hakodate/Sapporo/Otaru 4 Days

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Day 1

New Chitose Airport Sta.

Rapid Airport train
Approx. 3 min.

Minami-Chitose Sta.

Ltd. Exp. Suzuran
Approx. 43 min.

Noboribetsu Sta.

Local Bus
Approx. 15 min.

Lodging

Noboribetsu Hot Springs

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Day 2

Exploring Noboribetsu Hot Springs

Local Bus
Approx. 15 min.

Noboribetsu Sta.

Ltd. Exp. Super Hokuto
Approx. 2 hr. 30 min.

Hakodate Sta.

Lodging

Hakodate or
Yunokawa Hot Springs

HOKKAIDO RAIL PASS ③

Day 3

Exploring Hakodate

Hakodate Sta.

Ltd. Exp. Super Hokuto Approx. 3 hr. 40 min.

Sapporo Sta.

Local Train Approx. 40 min.

Otaru Sta.

Sightseeing in Otaru

Otaru Sta.

Sapporo Sta.

Lodging

Sapporo

Day 4

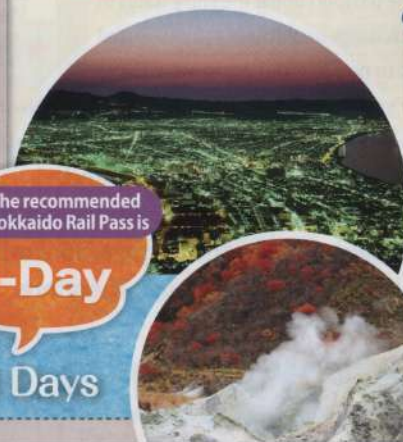
Sightseeing in Sapporo

Sapporo Sta.

Rapid Airport train
Approx. 37 min.

New Chitose Airport Sta.

The recommended Hokkaido Rail Pass is
Flexible 4-Day



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特急カムイ
Ltd. Exp. Kamui

01 Sapporo ⇄ Asahikawa
Required time: approx. 1 hr. 25 min.



特急ライラック
Ltd. Exp. Lilac

01 Sapporo ⇄ Asahikawa
Required time: approx. 1 hr. 25 min.



特急すずらん
Ltd. Exp. Suzuran

01 Sapporo ⇄ Noboribetsu ⇄ Muroran
Required time: approx. 1 hr. 15 min.

特急スーパー北斗
Ltd. Exp. Super Hokuto

01 Sapporo ⇄ Hakodate
Required time: approx. 3 hr. 40 min.

Sightseeing trains
Seasonal trains

特急フノラベンダーエクスプレス
Furano Lavender Express

01 Sapporo ⇄ Furano

It's just 2 hours from Sapporo to Furano, the land of flowers! Take in the grand scenery of Hokkaido from the large windows and skylights!

SL冬の湿原号 All reserved seating

SL Fuyu-no-Shitsugen Train

Kushiro ⇄ Shibecha

The SL Fuyu-no-Shitsugen train ploughing through the sparkling white, snowy fields of the Kushiro Wetlands, is a typical winter scene of Kushiro.

*Seats for sightseeing trains and temporary trains



特急宗谷 Ltd. Exp. Soya

01 Sapporo ⇄ 86 Wakkanai
Required time: approx. 5 hr. 10 min. **Daily service**

特急サロベツ Ltd. Exp. Sarobetsu

Asahikawa ⇄ 86 Wakkanai
Required time: approx. 3 hr. 40 min. **Daily service**

特急オホーツク Ltd. Exp. Okhotsk

01 Sapporo ⇄ 86 Abashiri
Required time: approx. 5 hr. 30 min. **Daily service**

特急大雪 Ltd. Exp. Taisetsu

Asahikawa ⇄ 86 Abashiri
Required time: approx. 3 hr. 50 min. **Daily service**

Service for the Nemuro Line between Higashi-Shikagoe and Shintoku is temporarily suspended due to the aftereffects of the typhoon occurred in August 2016. Please note that you cannot take trains in this section. For more details, please visit our website.

特急スーパーとかち Ltd. Exp. Super Tokachi

01 Sapporo ⇄ 61 Obihiro
Required time: approx. 2 hr. 40 min. **Daily service**

特急スーパーおおぞら Ltd. Exp. Super Ozora

01 Sapporo ⇄ 63 Kushiro
Required time: approx. 4 hr. 10 min. **Daily service**

Which Hokkaido Rail Pass is suitable for my trip?

If you plan to take trains every day to travel around Hokkaido, "3, 5 or 7-day" pass is recommended. (*This is for consecutive use.)

If you plan to stay at one place for 2 nights or don't take trains every day, "Flexible 4-day" pass is recommended! (*This can be used for any 4 days within 10 days from the exchange or purchase date.)

Please use a pass that is suitable for your itinerary and enjoy Hokkaido trip economically!

*Validity period of the pass is based on calendar days.

It's not based on 24 hours periods.

*Hokkaido Rail Pass does not cover the fares for local bus and ferry. Additional charge is required.

*If you take trains on the day you don't use the Hokkaido Rail Pass, you need to purchase tickets separately.

★For tourist information for each route and other recommended routes, please visit here.



The recommended Hokkaido Rail Pass is

7-Day

Recommended route C Applicable season: Spring Summer Fall Winter

Eastern Hokkaido Round Tour Asahikawa/Abashiri/Utoro/Lake Akan 7 Days

HOKKAIDO RAIL PASS ①

Day 1 New Chitose Airport Sta. Rapid Airport train Approx. 37 min. Sapporo Sta. Lodging Sapporo

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Day 2 Sapporo Sta. Ltd. Exp. Kamui / Ltd. Exp. Lilac Approx. 1 hr. 25 min. Asahikawa Sta. Sightseeing in Asahikawa Lodging Asahikawa

HOKKAIDO RAIL PASS ③

Day 3 Asahikawa Sta. Ltd. Exp. Okhotsk / Ltd. Exp. Taisetsu Approx. 3 hr. 50 min. Abashiri Sta. Sightseeing in Abashiri Lodging Abashiri

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Day 4 Abashiri Sta. Local Train Approx. 50 min. Shiretoko-Shari Sta. Local Bus Approx. 50 min. Utoro Hot Springs Sightseeing in Utoro Lodging Utoro Hot Springs

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Day 5 Utoro Hot Springs Local Bus Approx. 50 min. Shiretoko-Shari Sta. Local Train Approx. 2 hr. 40 min. Kushiro Sta. Sightseeing in Kushiro Local Bus Approx. 1 hr. 50 min. Lodging Akanko Hot Springs

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Day 6 Exploring Lake Akan Akanko Hot Springs Local Bus Approx. 1 hr. 50 min. Kushiro Sta. Ltd. Exp. Super Ozora Approx. 4 hr. 10 min. Sapporo Sta. Lodging Sapporo

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Day 7 Sapporo Sta. Rapid Airport train Approx. 37 min. New Chitose Airport Sta.

富良野・美瑛・ノロック号 Reserved seats + Non-reserved seats
Furano-Biei Norokko Train Summer Fall
Asahikawa ⇄ Furano
With the commanding view of the Taisetsu Mountain Range in sight, the mine cart style train moves slowly over the lavender hills of Biei and Furano.

くしろ湿原・ノロック号 Reserved seats + Non-reserved seats
Kushiro Shitsugen Norokko Train Summer Fall
Kushiro ⇄ Toro
Enjoy the spectacular scenery of the Kushiro Wetlands from the Observation car.

流氷物語号 All non-reserved seating
Ryuhyo Monogatari Train Winter
Abashiri ⇄ Shiretoko-Shari
Take a pleasurable ride to see the drift ice that washes upon the coastline of the Sea of Okhotsk, on the limited edition train, with illustrations of the drift ice all over the cars.

cannot be reserved by using JR-EAST Train Reservation. *Train cars are subject to change.

*The information is current as of September 2019. Please note that the contents are subject to change.

How to purchase Hokkaido Rail Pass

★At the time of exchange or purchase at a designated station in Japan, you will be asked to present your passport with the "Temporary Visitor" stamp/sticker you received.

*If you use an automated gate at immigration when entering Japan, the "Temporary Visitor" stamp/sticker will not be applied to your passport. Please use either a manned automated gate or ask a clerk to apply the stamp/sticker to your passport.

● Purchasing outside Japan

① Please purchase an Exchange Order at the designated travel agents before coming to Japan.

- *You can check the travel agents that sell the Exchange Orders from QR code below.
- *When you purchase an Exchange Order, please check that your name written on the Exchange Order is completely the same as the one on your passport.
- *An Exchange Order is valid for 3 months from the purchase date.
- *The price of the Exchange Order may fluctuate depending on exchange rate.

② After arriving in Japan, please exchange your Exchange Order for the Hokkaido Rail Pass at the designated counters in Hokkaido.

- *Exchange Orders cannot be exchanged at the designated JR EAST counters outside Hokkaido.

① Purchase an Exchange Order in advance

② Exchange for the Hokkaido Rail Pass at a designated counter in Hokkaido

● Purchasing in Japan

The pass can be purchased at the designated counters below by cash (Japanese yen only) or credit card.

*Also, the pass can be purchased at the designated JR EAST Travel Service Center, etc. outside Hokkaido.

① Purchase after arriving in Japan

Exchange/purchase counters for Hokkaido Rail Pass

*The designated counters for exchange and purchase are subject to change.
*Some JR Travel Service Centers are closed during the New Year holidays.

? JR Information Desk is a counter for visitors from abroad. Services are available in English, Chinese or Korean. (There are cases that we may not be able to provide services in your preferred language.) We exchange the Exchange Order for every kind of rail pass and sell JR tickets.

Sapporo Station ● ? JR Information Desk ● JR Travel Service Center (Twinkle Plaza) Sapporo Branch	New Chitose Airport Station ● ? JR Information Desk
Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto Station	Hakodate Station ● JR Travel Service Center (Twinkle Plaza)
	Asahikawa Station ● JR Travel Service Center (Twinkle Plaza)
	Kushiro Station ● JR Travel Service Center (Twinkle Plaza)
	Noboribetsu Station
	Obihiro Station ● JR Travel Service Center (Twinkle Plaza)
	Abashiri Station



Exchange and purchase can only be made during office hours. For office hours of the designated counters, please visit our website.
<http://www2.jrhokkaido.co.jp/global/english/ticket/railpass/rail02.html>

Hokkaido Rail Pass can be purchased at JR EAST Travel Service Center, etc.

(*Purchase only, exchange cannot be made.)

- Narita Airport Terminal 1 ● Narita Airport Terminal 2-3
- Haneda Airport International Terminal (Tokyo Monorail)
- Tokyo Station ● Shinjuku Station
- Shinjuku Station (East Exit) ● Ikebukuro Station
- Shibuya Station ● Ueno Station ● Hamamatsucho Station

How to use

● Please go through a manned ticket gate.

Automatic ticket gate cannot be used for the Hokkaido Rail Pass. Please go through a manned ticket gate and show the validity period to a station staff. You will get a date stamp from a station staff on the start day of use for 3-day, 5-day, and 7-day passes, or on each day of use for flexible 4-day pass.

● For passengers with reserved seat tickets:

Reserved seat tickets for rail pass cannot be used through the automatic ticket gate. Please show your rail pass and a reserved seat ticket to the staff at the gate.

● For passengers using non-reserved seats:

Please show only your rail pass to the staff at the gate.



How to reserve seats

● Please make sure to receive reserved seat tickets before boarding if you plan to use reserved seats. (Seats cannot be reserved on a train.)



Reserved seat ticket

① Online reservation (JR-EAST Train Reservation)

Seat reservations can be made by using JR-EAST Train Reservation.

*Tickets reserved online should be collected before 9:00 p.m. of the day before you ride the train at a designated station or JR Travel Service Center during office hours.

*As JR-EAST Train Reservation cannot be used if you plan to collect your tickets on the same day as you ride a train, please receive the reserved seat tickets by showing your Hokkaido Rail Pass at JR Ticket Counter (Midori-no-madoguchi).

*Seats for sightseeing trains and temporary trains cannot be reserved.

Reservation



② Apply at a station

Please apply for reserved seat tickets at the JR Ticket Counter (Midori-no-madoguchi) or JR Travel Service Center (Twinkle Plaza) in the major JR Hokkaido stations.



JR Ticket Counter (Midori-no-madoguchi)



JR Travel Service Center (Twinkle Plaza)



Timetable search

You can search timetable for all the trains in Hokkaido. Departure and arrival time, transfer information, and travel time etc can be searched by entering the station names of the section you will use. (English only)

Free Wi-Fi Service

Free Wi-Fi service is available at the major stations in Hokkaido. For more details, please visit our website.



Special offer

Hokkaido Rail Pass users can receive various kinds of special offers such as discounts for JR Rent-A-Car or facilities in Hokkaido. For more details, please visit our website.



For information on the latest sightseeing trains and train service status etc., please visit our website.

<http://www2.jrhokkaido.co.jp/global/index.html>



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